

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended, is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that all objections have been overcome.

It is respectfully submitted that the §112, second paragraph rejection has been rendered moot by the amendments to claims 17, 18 and 67.

Claims 11, 12, 17, 18, 23, 24, 29, 30, 35, 36, 41, 42, 47, 48, 53, 54, 59, 60, 65 and 67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by Katbi. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Katbi discloses an opening 35 that extends from one face 17 to the other face 19 (col. 2, lines 54-56), which the Examiner designates T1. Applicants respectfully submit that a hole is not a trough in accordance with the present invention. Furthermore, T2 is a trough, but does not serve to clamp the cutting plate in a cutting tool, in the embodiment having opening T1. According to Katbi, trough T2 receives the head of a screw placed through opening T1 (col. 2, lines 58-62). Thus, Katbi does not disclose first and second clamping trough as presently claimed as alleged by the Examiner.

Since Katbi does not disclose each and every limitation of claim 11, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-16, 19-22, 25-28, 31-34, 37-40, 43-46, 49-52, 55-58, 61-64 and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over Katbi in view of Sjoos. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The deficiencies of Katbi are discussed above, and are not remedied by Sjoos.

Furthermore, Sjoos discloses that 18 is a cavity (p. 5, line 16) and not an elevation as

alleged by the Examiner, and, furthermore, this cavity is not positioned in a first trough.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for allegedly being anticipated by Andras. Applicants respectfully traverse.

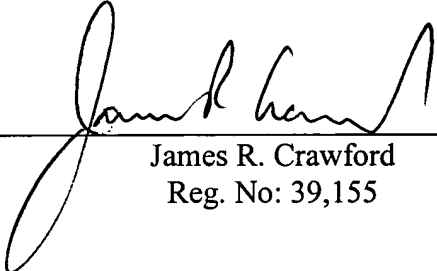
Andras discloses a first trough with boss 18 that is elevated as it extends from bottom 44 of dimple 16 toward top surface 12. No second trough is disclosed. Andras does not teach each and every limitation of the claimed invention, so this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fee associated with this filing from Deposit Account No. 50-0624.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

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